

### KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMEMENT AGENCY

# **News Release**

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# 5 p.m., August 27, Update: Kaua'i County under Flash Flood Warning and Flash Flood Watch; damage reports requested

A Flash Flood Warning remains in effect for Kaua'i, and a Flash Flood Watch is now in effect until 6 p.m. Tuesday.

A Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is imminent or occurring in streams, roads and low-lying areas. Do not cross fast-flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that leads to flash flooding.

Residents and visitors should continue to monitor the weather and be prepared to take action if needed.

Ponding, low visibility and other hazardous driving conditions are expected. If you must drive, please do so with extreme caution.

Officials are announcing the following updates.

#### DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORMS

All residents are advised to report any damages that have resulted from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Lane, including today's Flash Flood event. If your home was damaged, please visit <a href="www.kauai.gov">www.kauai.gov</a> and click on the "Lane Damage Form Aug 2018" icon and fill out a damage assessment form.

The information you provide may be used to determine whether or not certain federal aid is made available to residents of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i. Please contact KEMA at (808) 241-1800 if you require assistance with the form.

#### ROAD CLOSURES

- Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge remains closed.
- State DOT announces that the Kūhiō Highway convoy, between Waikoko and Wainiha, will resume at 5 p.m. today and will follow the Sunday/Holiday schedule for the remainder of the day as long as weather conditions allow. To monitor updates, please visit state DOT's Facebook page,
  www.facebook.com/HawaiiDepartmentOfTransportation. The highway's Sunday/Holiday convoy schedule can be found on the county's "Flood Recovery" page at www.kauai.gov.
- Kūhiō Highway near Mānoa Stream in Hā'ena remains closed.

## **POWER OUTAGES**

Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) reports that the power outages in Wainiha and Hā'ena remain until further notice. KIUC troubleshooters are unable to access the area at this time due to the Kūhiō Highway closures.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, <a href="www.kauai.gov">www.kauai.gov</a>, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.



Above photo of Ala Eke Road taken earlier Monday afternoon.



Above photo of Kūhiō Highway in Hanalei, taken earlier Monday afternoon.